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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged in the Midwest, unchanged to 1 cent higher in East, and 1 cent higher in the West when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady to at times firm in the West. Demand following the extended holiday weekend covered the full range with best interest for fast food, first of the month, and where refilling occurred. Supplies were usually sufficient to well cleared with smaller sizes in the closest balance. In the parts structure, interest was fair to fairly good. Dark meat was adequate to tight, tenders and wings were readily available, and all other items were mostly sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 30-MAY-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	69.70	37
Chicago	66.00-69.00	68.70	42 :	68.88	78
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	68.53	30
Denver	80.50	80.50	14 :	80.50	16
Detroit	68.00-70.00	69.85	13 :	71.65	60
Los Angeles	81.00	80.40	62 :	74.96	164
New York	71.00-74.00	72.18	22 :	70.11	58
Philadelphia	70.50-72.00	71.36	11 :	70.30	22
Pittsburgh	70.00-73.00	71.91	11 :	73.22	57
St. Louis	68.00	67.54	20 :	67.64	34
San Francisco	81.50	81.50	34 :	73.23	114

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/30/05 Change/Last Wk	05/23/05	05/31/04
670	71.69	-1.51	73.20 81.82

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	73.00-74.00	73.61	34
Central	63.50-75.00	71.52	78
Western	70.00-81.00	76.45	39

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	75.00-77.00	74.81	86
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,144	66.00-77.24	73.38

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.50	1,440
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	5,873
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,543
THIGH MEAT - B/S	103.50	1,019
LEG QUARTERS	39.00	7,617
WINGS	84.50	3,010

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good following the holiday weekend. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were in good balance to well cleared; heavier sizes were generally adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts and bone-in breasts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breasts were fully sufficient for current needs. Wings were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand over the extended holiday weekend was mixed, with market mostly assessing needs and refilling where needed. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Dark meat was balanced to close, aided by export business. Wings and tenders were readily available, and the remaining breast items were better balanced to sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent higher throughout the region. Trading reported for this week's delivery at generally higher prices. Offerings were tight to adequate. Lightweight product confidently held as sizes trended heavier than desired for some trade needs. Buying activity was good due to the combination of first-of-the month and after holiday replenishing needs. Retailer demand was good overall. Dealers reported light to satisfactory weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was generally steady on white meat and fully steady on dark meat. Trading reported on parts for delivery this week: leg quarters bulk 40-44.5 and 4/10s 44.5-48, boneless leg meat 101-103, wings 81-92, breast bone-in 92-101 and boneless 126-137. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 73.89 up .50 with the volume reported down 4 percent to 27 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's final in Chicago and Detroit; slightly lower in St. Louis; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady for limited offerings and light interest. Retail and food service demand was in a range of light to good with best call surrounding features and fast food channels. Floor stocks adequate to closely balanced; weights desirable. Supplies of dark meat cuts were barely adequate to tight, wings and breast cuts adequate, and tenders available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, barely steady to weak on tenders, and about steady on the balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to fairly good for post-holiday fill in needs. Seller offerings were adequate and in generally good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to closely cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	71-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76.46
NO. OF BOXES	8,049

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to fairly good following the holiday weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were generally adequate; bone-in breasts were closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well balanced. Wings and tenderloins were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was at least moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on dark meat cuts. Bone-in breasts were fully steady. Wings and tenders were about steady to barely steady. Balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	139.82	609,360
TENDERLOINS	130	128.14	165,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	92.45	134,568
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	85.96	83,680
LEGS	52-53	56.13	164,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	40.09	286,600
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	48.80	183,800
THIGHS	46-47	52.29	115,960
B/S THIGHS	104-105	101.59	97,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	87.46	138,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	9,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.77	19,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	44.36	45,400

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,627	118.00-199.00	133-146	143.95
TENDERLOINS	527	111.00-196.00	-	125.92
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT		-	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT		-	
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT		-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,186	35.00-38.00	35-36	36.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,014	38.00-39.00	-	38.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	565	63.00-90.00	72-79	76.34
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT		-	
THIGHS	1,610	34.00-46.00	45-46	45.03

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	05/31	05/27	05/27	05/24	05/20
Alabama	4,110	4,427	5.00	3,937	5.21
Arkansas	5,517	5,400	4.75	5,400	5.01
Delmarva	2,293	2,984	5.54	2,236	5.56
KY-LA-TN	2,320	2,399	4.94	2,254	4.90
Mississippi	3,038	3,194	5.58	3,044	5.55
North Carolina	2,523	3,092	6.33	2,509	6.46
Texas	2,449	2,474	5.04	2,551	5.16
Total	22,250	23,970	5.26	21,931	5.38
Mon-Tue	33,448(A)			43,662(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-May 2005 is estimated to be 33,288,000 up 1.15 percent from a week ago. and up 6.9 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,910,000 last year 31,153,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	635	127.00-150.00	130-136	141.27
TENDERLOINS	168	120.00-180.00	125-130	125.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	84.00-90.00	84-85	84.51
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	48	52.00-62.00	52-54	53.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	492	36.00-38.00	-	36.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	861	39.00-41.00	40	40.11
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	71.00-85.00	-	83.37
WINGS (CUT)	318	88.00-99.00	95-99	97.10
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	80	107.00-113.00	-	108.50

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR MAY 31, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
53.00 - 54.25	53.52

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 30-MAY-05 TO 03-JUN-05
CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	121.00 - 143.50	131.00 - 141.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 107.00	84.00 - 90.00
LEGS	54.00 - 59.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36.00 - 46.00	38.00 - 39.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	38.00 - 48.00	40.00 - 42.00
DRUMSTICKS	39.00 - 56.00	-
THIGHS	44.00 - 61.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	70.00 - 93.00	84.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 50.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.75-98.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90.5-103.5
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	105-107
DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-111
DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	89-93
DRY PACK	95
DUCKS	180-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.50	24.00-26.00	512,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	25.20		
15-20%				
RANGE	21.00-29.00	14.00-26.00	1,780,000	940,000
WTD AVERAGE	24.18	19.14		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	19.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MAY 27, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	25.00-29.00	18.00-25.00	1,371,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	26.07	21.21		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced due to holiday schedules. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.75	11.75-13.5	12.98
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair to moderate with product clearing. Trade sentiment was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.75	11.5-13.25	12.56

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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